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Berne, August 2. *N. S.*

LEtters from Geneva of Yesterday bring advice, that on the 24th of the last Month in the Evening, our Fleet, consisting of twenty eight Men of War, had landed between three and four thousand Men at the Port of Cette in Languedoc, which Place they entred without Opposition, and the next Day took the Fort that defends the Haven. On the 26th they marched to Agde, which is a Place of some strength, but had no Garrison; and when these Letters were dispatched our Troops were within three Leagues of Montpellier, whither it was thought they designed to march. These Letters add, that there were no Troops in that Country, except a few in the Cevennes commanded by the Duke de Roquelaure, and they were apprehensive of a new Insurrection of the Camisars upon this Occasion. We expect with impatience a further Account of the Success of this Expedition. These Letters add, that our Army in Piedmont was marched out of the Valley of Barcelonette to the Redoubt of Vars; that four French Battalions and seven Squadrons, which were there for the Defence of it, retired upon the approach of the Allies to the Col de Vars, where it was thought we should attack them the next Day; and the Letters from France say, there has been some Action between the two Armies, without mentioning in what Place, or with what Success.

Brussels, August 9. *N. S.* Letters from Paris of the 4th Instant confirm, that the Confederate Fleet had disbarked four thousand Men in Languedoc, who had made themselves Masters of Port Cette; and that they had likewise taken Agde and Marseillet. They add, that great quantities of Arms and Ammunition are landed, to be distributed to the Cevennes, and that the Miquelets seemed disposed to join them. Advices from Madrid of the 21st of the last Month say, the Armies in Catalonia remain in the same situation. And by Letters of the same Date from Grenoble, the Mareschal Thaun, with the Army under his Command, was marching towards Provence, a part of those Troops having begun to appear near Barcelonette. Upon this Advice the Duke of Berwick had recalled the Forces distributed in Savoy, in order to reinforce the Army.

From the Camp at Viller-Brulin, *August* 11. *N. S.* Our Army and that of the Enemy continue still in their former Camps, and the Parties we send out have of late been so successful, that they almost daily bring in either some considerable Booty or Number of Prisoners to the Camp. On Friday last an hundred of our Hussars met between Arras and Bappaume a great Convoy of Cattle on their way to the French Army, and after some Skirmishes with the Convoy, in which several of the Enemy were killed, brought off an hundred and fourscore fat Oxen. The next Day another of our Parties fell in with fourscore of the Enemy's Foot, being part of the Guard to another Convoy of Provisions, whom they obliged to surrender at Discretion, and brought them Prisoners to the Camp, with a Captain and three Subaltern Officers. According to the Accounts we receive from the Siege, General Fagel continues to advance by the Sap, and has in the mean time raised a Battery of Mortars on the third Parallel to annoy the Enemy's Men in their Works. At General Schuylemburg's Attack we have made a Lodgment along the first Ditch towards the Front of the Castle, and are preparing Materials for the Galleries, in order to pass over and make a Lodgment on the Counterscarp. The Cardinal de Bouillon being come from Tournay to Lisle, in order to meet the Prince of Savoy, and open the late Prince d'Auvergne's Will; his Highness is this Morning gone thither, and intends to return to Morrow by the way of Bethune, where the Duke of Marlborough has appointed to meet him, in order to visit the Approaches of the Siege.

Brussels, August 13. *N. S.* Advices from the Frontiers say, that Marshal Villars having again expressed a desire to lay down the Command of the Army, and go to Aix la Chapelle for the Benefit of the Waters, the Duke of Orleans was speedily expected with a Reinforcement of eight thousand Men from Germany, to succeed him. Our Accounts from the Siege of Bethune import, that the Attack of General Schulemburg was so far advanced, that Galleries were preparing for passing the outward Ditch, in order to make a Lodgment on the Counterscarp. The Besiegers make a continual Fire from nine Batteries, and the Bombs which they have thrown into the Place have done great Execution. The Besieged, since we began the Bombardment, have made two unsuccessful Sallies, having been repulsed with Loss each time, before they had done any Damage to our Works. The Letters from Paris of the 8th Instant bring an Account, that a great Detachment being made from the Army of the Duke of Noailles, and the Duke of Roquelaure having assembled a Body of Troops, the Confederate Forces, who made the Descent in Languedoc, retired from thence, and reimbarked on the 29th of the last Month, after having raised very considerable Contributions. Letters from Madrid of the 28th of July say, that the Confederate Army in Catalonia was joined by a Reinforcement of two Regiments of Imperialists, four Battalions and nine Squadrons, besides two Regiments of Miquelets; that the Duke of Anjou's Army was still encamped between Ibars and Barbens, from whence they frequently send Detachments into Arragon. The Allies are so advantageously encamped, that they have an open Entrance into Arragon, and raise great Contributions in that Kingdom. A Detachment from their Army passed the Cinca at Medianos, and advanced into the County of Ribagorça, but on the approach of a stronger Body of the Enemy, retired with a considerable Booty. The Armies suffer very much by the excessive Heats, but as yet have made no Dispositions to march into Quarters of Refreshment.

Hague, August 12. *N. S.* Letters of this Days date from Lisle say, that the Approaches at General Schuylemburg's Attack, were advanced on the 10th Instant to the Pallisades of Bethune; and that we began to batter in Breach a Ravelin and the Ramparts on that side of the Town. A new Train of Artillery is embarking at Ghent, for the Service of another Siege. The Enemy's Army is still employed in perfecting and strengthning their new Lines. The States of Holland are to be reassembled to Morrow. The Letters which arrived this Day from

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